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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Economic and Social Council, by resolution 1988/64, stressed the importance of periodic meetings between Member States and the executive heads of organizations of the United Nations system in promoting better understanding and coordination of the activities of the system in the economic and social fields and the role of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination in that regard. The need for further improvement in the functioning of the Joint Meetings, relating in particular to the timing, participation, agenda and follow-up, was reiterated.

In the same resolution, the Council decided that the Joint Meetings should take the following measures relating to their work:

(a) Members of the two Committees should identify well in advance the specific issues for discussion under each topic and hold a concrete exchange of views, focusing on practical measures to solve the coordination problems identified;

(b) The background papers prepared by the Administrative Committee on Coordination should include appropriate action-oriented proposals, so as to assist the Joint Meetings in achieving concrete results;

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(c) Steps should be taken to ensure the effective follow-up at the intergovernmental and intersecretariat levels of the conclusions and recommendations of the Joint Meetings.

Finally, the Council decided that appropriate measures for effective intergovernmental and intersecretariat follow-up of the conclusions and recommendations of the Joint Meetings should be reported, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination, to the Economic and Social Council.

The General Assembly, in resolution 43/219, took note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/64.

At its thirty-fifth session (A/50/16), the Committee for Programme and Coordination agreed that the theme for the twenty-ninth series of joint meetings should be "Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system for the eradication of poverty".

2. Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system for the eradication of poverty

The required common purpose for the eradication of poverty and the requisite commitment to it by the international community at the highest political level will be addressed this year by the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination. The discussion in the Joint Meetings presents an opportunity for a constructive dialogue on ways and means to enhance the coordinated delivery of United Nations system assistance to Governments in implementing their poverty eradication policies and programmes. The United Nations Secretariat has prepared a background paper (E/1995/120) as a basis for the discussion.

3. Conclusion of the meeting